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Mr. WATKINS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To authorize the admission to the United States of certain aliens, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Immigration and
4 Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163), or any other law, an alien
5 who—

6 (1) has served honorably in an active-duty status
7 in the military, air, or naval forces of the United States
8 in time of war or during a period declared by the Presi-
9 dent to be a period of national emergency, or who, if
10 separated from such service, was separated under hon-
11 orable conditions;

1 (2) is the spouse, parent, brother, sister, son, or
2 daughter (including legally adopted sons or daughters)
3 of a citizen or of an alien lawfully admitted for perma-
4 nent residence; or

5 (3) is authorized to perform the ministerial or
6 priestly functions of a recognized religious denomina-
7 tion, or who is engaged by a recognized religious de-
8 nomination or by an interdenominational mission organ-
9 ization having a bona fide organization in the United
10 States as a missionary, brother, nun, or sister—

11 and (A) who is applying for an immigrant visa and is
12 known or believed by the consular officer to be ineligible
13 for such visa under any provision of said Act. (other than
14 section 212 (a) (27) and (29)), may, after approval by
15 the Attorney General of a recommendation by the Secretary
16 of State or by the consular officer that the alien be admitted
17 despite his inadmissibility, be granted a visa and may be
18 admitted into the United States in the discretion of the
19 Attorney General, or (B) who is inadmissible under any
20 provision of said Act (other than section 212 (a) (27)
21 and (29)), but who is in possession of appropriate docu-
22 ments or is granted a waiver thereof and is seeking admis-
23 sion, may be admitted into the United States in the discretion
24 of the Attorney General, if the Attorney General is of the
25 opinion that such action with respect to aliens described in

1 (A) and (B) would not be contrary to the national interest,
2 safety or security.

3 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Immigra-
4 tion and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163), or any other law,
5 the Attorney General is authorized, in his discretion, to with-
6 hold the institution of deportation proceedings, to cancel an
7 order of deportation and to adjust the status to that of an
8 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the case
9 of any alien within the United States who is deportable under
10 any law of the United States and who—

11 (1) has served honorably in an active-duty status
12 in the military, air, or naval forces of the United States
13 in time of war or during a period declared by the Presi-
14 dent to be a period of national emergency, or who, if
15 separated from such service, was separated under honor-
16 able conditions;

17 (2) is the spouse, parent, brother, sister, son or
18 daughter (including legally adopted sons or daughters)
19 of a citizen or of an alien lawfully admitted for per-
20 manent residence; or

21 (3) is authorized to perform the ministerial or
22 priestly functions of a recognized religious denomination,
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24 tion or by an interdenominational mission organization

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1 having a bona fide organization in the United States
2 as a missionary, brother, nun, or sister—
3 if the Attorney General is of the opinion that such action
4 would not be contrary to the national interest, safety or
5 security.

6 SEC. 3. The definitions contained in section 101 (a)
7 and (b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat.
8 166, 171) shall be applicable in the administration of this
9 Act.

10 SEC. 4. The number of aliens who shall be granted the
11 status of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence
12 in any calendar year, pursuant to this Act, shall not exceed
13 five thousand.

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